

## **SUMMARY**

This bill does the following.

### **PART A**

Part A makes appropriations and allocations of funds.

### **PART B**

Part B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

### **PART C**

Part C establishes an Enterprise Fund account for the Dirigo Health Agency that replaces the Other Special Revenue Fund account.

### **PART D**

Part D establishes maximum principal costs, interest rates and duration terms for financing agreements to acquire motor vehicles for the Central Motor Pool and the Maine State Police.

### **PART E**

Part E increases the aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time from \$170,000,000 to \$220,000,000 related to tax exempt borrowing authority for the University of Maine System.

### **PART F**

Part F authorizes the Department of Economic and Community Development to transfer funds in excess of \$7,554,189 in the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund account to the Creative Economy, Other Special Revenue Fund account for the department's creative economy initiative.

## **PART G**

Part G authorizes the Maine Community College System to use the distribution of \$989,352 from the gross slot revenue to match \$1,000,000 for Osher Scholarships.

## **PART H**

Part H authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, through the Bureau of General Services to establish the Central Fleet Management and Central Services Divisions in the Bureau of General Services, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, for the purpose of operating the postal service, central copy and duplicating, central warehouse, surplus property, central mail room and central fleet management.

## **PART I**

Part I does the following.

1. It repeals the deadline for the Department of Conservation, Land Use Regulatory Commission's determination on subdivision applications.
2. It authorizes the Department of Conservation, Land Use Regulatory Commission to assess a fee of up to 0.25 percent of the estimated development costs for certain unique and complex projects.
3. It clarifies that a town or plantation within the Department of Conservation, Land Use Regulatory Commission's jurisdiction is subject to the provisions and exceptions related to the fees assessed for commission services when a portion of that town or plantation is within the commission's jurisdiction.

## **PART J**

Part J authorizes the Department of Corrections to conduct a study, costing no more than \$300,000. It establishes the Corrections Alternatives Advisory Committee and requires the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections to submit legislation by February 1, 2006 that establishes an Incentive Fund.

## **PART K**

Part K does the following.

1. It establishes within the Maine State Museum a revolving fund to cover the operations of the museum sales program.
2. It establishes the Maine State Museum Endowment for Publishing and authorizes the Maine State Museum to deposit a percentage of revolving fund proceeds into the endowment and to use the principal and interest to fund museum publications. Authorizes deposits into the endowment fund from private donations and grant funds.

## **PART L**

Part L amends the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' authority for approving plans for public improvements by removing the provision that allows the department to assess school administrative units fees for reasonable costs on school construction projects for which budgets were established subsequent to July 1, 1995.

## **PART M**

Part M requires the Maine Health Data Organization to prepare reports for the exclusive use of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Governor's Office detailing the claims experience of health care benefits funded, in whole or in part, by the state's General Fund.

## **PART N**

Part N requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to review vacant positions throughout state government and report back to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by January 15, 2006 with any recommendations for position eliminations.

## **PART O**

Part O establishes a Commission to reform the state budget process.

## **PART P**

Part P establishes maximum principal costs, interest rates and duration terms for financing agreements by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology for the acquisition of hardware, software and systems to support the operations of the Statewide Radio and Network System.

## **PART Q**

Part Q does the following:

1. It authorizes the Maine Community College System to receive a transfer of funds from the General Fund Salary Plan for the costs of collective bargaining agreements for employees of the Maine Community College System .
2. It authorizes the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to receive a transfer of funds from the General Fund Salary Plan for the costs of collective bargaining agreements for employees of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

## **PART R**

Part R authorizes the transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine Milk Pool, Other Special Revenue Fund account within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

## **PART S**

Part S authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to utilize the MaineCare Drug Utilization Review Committee when establishing a drug formulary. It also authorizes the department to adopt routine technical rules for medication availability in emergency situations.

## **PART T**

Part T extends the 5% service provider tax to certain day habilitation, personal support and residential training services provided to children and adults with mental retardation.

## **PART U**

Part U increases the miscellaneous fees and fines imposed by the Department of Public Safety. These miscellaneous fees and fines are collected by the Judicial Department's Administrative Office of the Courts.

## **PART V**

Part V does the following:

1. It limits the transfer to the circuit breaker reserve in fiscal year 2004-05 to \$26,127,647.
2. It authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$1,000,000 from the Business Equipment Property Tax Reimbursement ( BETR) program account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund on or before June 30, 2005.
3. It authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$655,194 from the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund on or before June 30, 2005.